

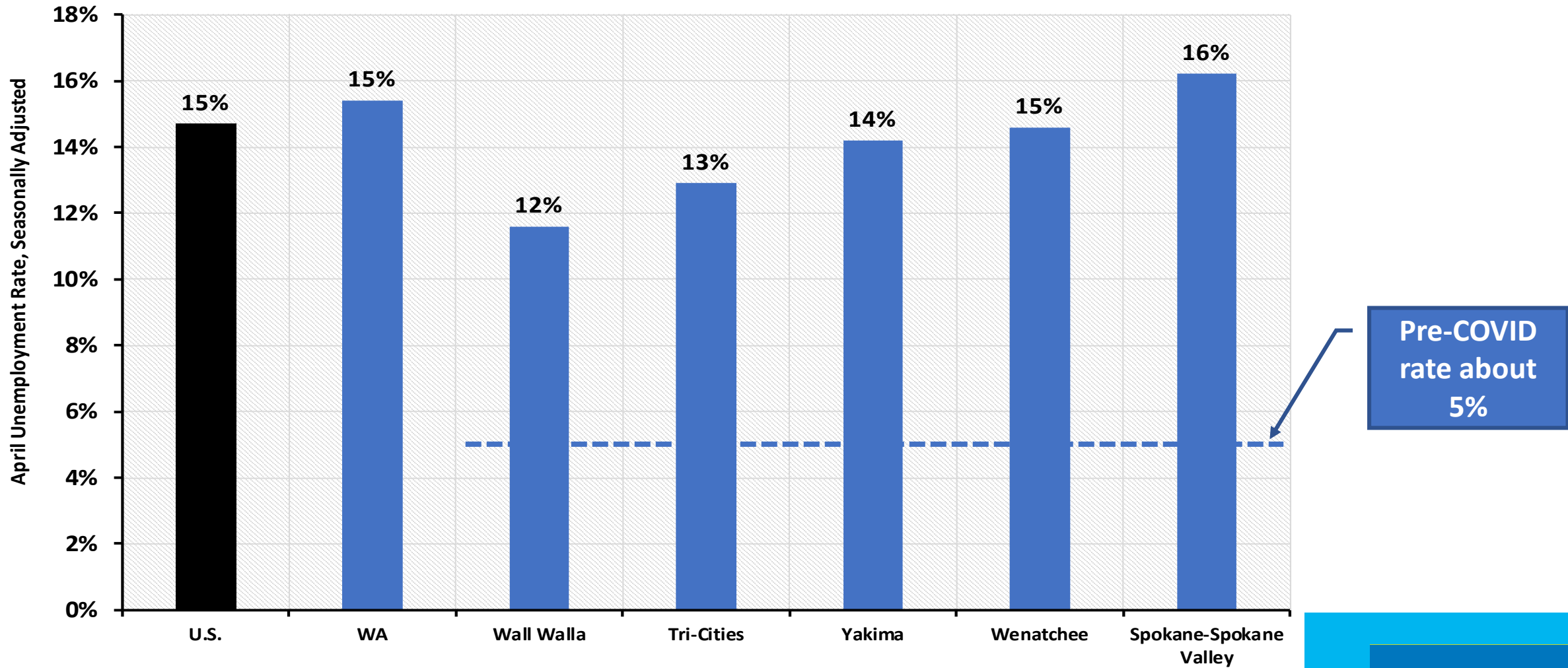


# East Washington Issues Related to COVID-19

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# Eastern Washington April Unemployment Rates



# Supporting the Economic Recovery, General Comments

- Acknowledging under-employment and not just unemployment.
- Continued support for state and local ESD re-employment activities, as well as regional work force councils, economic development agencies, and community colleges.
- Support pre-COVID capital projects if they have significant direct and indirect employment impacts and support long-term economic growth.
- The provision of highspeed internet outside of population centers.
- State push back against another significant international trade conflict.

# Supporting the Economic Recovery, Areas of Analysis



- **Healthcare, including public health.**
- **Resiliency of utilities and emergency services.**
- **Food network farm to table: growing, transporting, processing, and distribution.**
- **K-12 education and the connection to employment, household budgets, and food security.**

# Questions?